

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 189

By Kelsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judge James C. Beasley, Jr., of Shelby County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Judge James C. Beasley, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Judge James Beasley was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, prior to his retirement in 2017, Judge Beasley served with acumen and alacrity on the bench of the 30th Judicial District Criminal Court for twenty-two years, during which time he earned the respect of his community, his peers, and all those appearing in his courtroom for his commitment to the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, a 1973 graduate of the University of Memphis, Judge Beasley received his Juris Doctor from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis in 1977; and

WHEREAS, following the same legal career path as his father, Judge James C. Beasley, Sr., Judge James C. Beasley, Jr., served as an assistant district attorney general in Shelby County for seventeen years before becoming a judge for the 30th Judicial District Criminal Court; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by his peers, Judge Beasley was elected president of the Tennessee Judicial Conference in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Judge Beasley was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Judge Beasley enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife, Libba, and was the proud father of Beth and Sarah; and

WHEREAS, Judge Beasley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Judge James C. Beasley, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Judge Beasley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.